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SUBJ: RAND DAILY MAIL ACCUSES US OF ENCOURAGING SA  
IN ANGOLA.

RAND DAILY MAIL ON FEB 5 FRONTPAGED FOLLOWING ARTICLE UNDER  
HEADLINE QTE DID MOYNIHAN SPARK SA MOVE? UNQTE. ARTICLE BYLINED  
BY RICHARD WALKER FROM NEW YORK. FULL TEXT BELOW:

QTE. DID A SECRET SIGNAL FROM AMERICA'S OUTGOING UNITED NATIONS  
AMBASSADOR DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN TO HIS SOUTH AFRICAN  
COUNTERPART PIK BOTHA TRIGGER OFF SOUTH AFRICA'S ANGOLAN  
ADVENTURE?

THE WASHINGTON POST YESTERDAY QUOTED " INFORMED SOURCES" IN  
CAPE TOWN WHICH DECLARE THIS TO BE SO. THE UNITED STATES  
AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA, MR. WILLIAM BOWDLER ALSO DELIVERED THE  
SAME ENCOURAGEMENT DIRECTLY TO MR. VORSTER, IT IS FURTHER  
CLAIMED.

SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA HAD THE BLESSING OF  
SEVERAL AFRICAN STATES AND AT LEAST ONE FREE WORLD POWER, DEFENCE  
MINISTER P.W. BOTHA TOLD THE WASHINGTON POST IN A FRONT-PAGE  
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INTERVIEW IN WHICH IT IS BROADLY HINTED THAT THE POWER

WAS THE UNITED STATES.

" I WOULD BE THE LAST MAN TO DESTROY OUR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES" HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID. PRESSED FURTHER TO SAY WHETHER THE REPUBLIC'S ANGOLA ADVENTURE WAS ARRANGED BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND SOUTH AFRICA'S BUREAU FOR STATE SECURITY, MR. BOTHA REPLIED, " IF IT WAS SO, IT WAS NOT THE ONLY CHANNEL."

THE POST THEN QUOTES " INFORMED SOURCES" IN CAPE TOWN STATING THAT THE US ENCOURAGEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY AMERICA'S UN AMBASSADOR MR. DANIEL MOYNIHAN TO HIS SOUTH AFRICAN OPPOSITE NUMBER MR. PIK BOTHA.

WITH THE GROWING PROSPECT OF BLACK-MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA, WOULD SOUTH AFRICA BECOME THE LAST WHITE BASTION, AND COULD IT SURVIVE IN ITS PRESENT FORM, MR. BOTHA WAS ASKED.

" WE ARE NOT FIGHTING THE CONTINENT. WE ARE FIGHTING THE INTERVENTION. THE CONTINENT NEEDS US- OUR KNOW-HOW, OUR ECONOMIC STRENGTH, OUR SCIENTIFIC LEADERSHIP," HE SAID.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS LONG AGO CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE ANGOLA-RELATED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SECRETARY OFSTATE HENRY KISSINGERAND MR. VORSTER, BUT IT WAS STATED AT THE TIME THAT THE CABLE WAS A REJECTION OF A SOUTH AFRICAN APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY IN THE STRUGGLE. UNQTE.

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